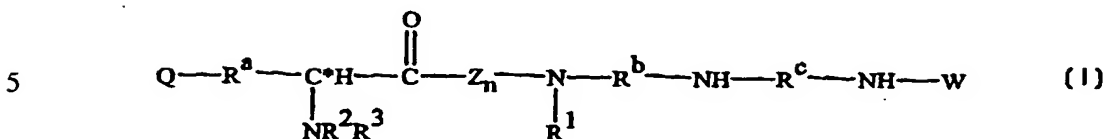


NEUROPROTECTIVE AGENTSABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

- Compounds of formula (I) wherein: Q represents an amidino group, a cyano group or a group of formula XYN—, (where X and Y are hydrogen or various groups);
- 10  $\text{R}^a$  represents alkylene;  $\text{R}^b$  and  $\text{R}^c$  each represents alkylene, the total number of carbon atoms in said straight chains of  $\text{R}^b$  and  $\text{R}^c$  being 7);  $\text{R}^2$  and  $\text{R}^3$  each represents hydrogen, or a group of formula R, RCO—, ROCO—, or RNHCO—, where R represents alkyl or aryl; the chiral carbon atom indicated by the asterisk is in the L configuration; Z is an aromatic amino acid residue; n is 0 or 1;  $\text{R}^1$  represents hydrogen,
- 15 alkyl or aryl; and W represents hydrogen, alkyl or aryl; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof have the ability to protect against the neuronal damage which may be caused by an ischemic event.